

In Jeddah

Electricity exhibition opens doors

By Javid Hassan
JEDDAH, March 1 — Deputy Minister of Industry and Electricity Mahmoud Taiba Saturday inaugurated the Middle East Electricity Exhibition in which 200 companies from 15 countries were participating. In a statement on behalf of Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Aljosaibi, Taiba assured the exhibitors of the ministry's support. The deputy minister also briefed company representatives on the Kingdom's progress to generate, and distribute electrical power.

"We are conscious, however, of the need to constantly plan ahead to meet increasing demand on the part of industrial and domestic consumers and this is reflected in the major allocations for electric power projects made in the Third Development Plan," the statement adds.

The minister, who toured the exhibition, was fascinated by some of the products. Among these was Clifford Electronics of California which exhibited its fiber optic lighting systems, including commercial, outdoor and indoor lighting systems. The brilliantly illuminated 'Allah' and the Prophet's name on a wall clock riveted the minister's attention.

"We expect thousands of visitors from throughout Saudi Arabia and countries around the Kingdom," said John Fletcher of Fairs and Exhibitions Limited, one of the co-sponsors with Al-Harithy. He said this was the first-ever exhibition featuring

engineering marvels like the 20-ton generator and a working model of Moby Tyco which desalinates water, using its own power system controlled by 210 panels.

A feature of the exhibition is the entry of big giants who have diversified their products. For instance, Fiat company, the well-known car manufacturer, has made its debut with its wide range of heavy duty gas turbines already popular in the Middle East. It has 30 such units operating in the Gulf area, 18 in Saudi Arabia, six in Dubai and six in Qatar, representing a total installed output of 740 MW.



Prince Abdul Mohsen bin Jilawi

Tree week begins

DAMMAM, March 1 (SPA) — Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen bin Jilawi opens Monday the fourth "plant-a-tree week" in Dammam. The area's governorate, the education and municipal and rural affairs directorates, the ministries of agriculture and information, the police, traffic and water and sewage departments and King Faisal University will all take part in the planting activities.

Prince Abdul Mohsen will plant the first of 3,000 saplings in front of Ibn Khaldoun park. A number of streets and districts here will have their share of trees. The closing ceremony will be held Thursday at the local stadium.

British firms show interest in Kingdom

LONDON, March 1 (LPS) — British companies hoped to play their full part in Saudi Arabia's new development plan. Cecil Parkinson, minister for trade, told a seminar in London.

Britain's past contribution had been considerable, the development of Saudi Arabia's economic base and human resources. The UK-Saudi Arabia joint commission had been exploring the potential for increased economic links in London earlier, and it was Parkinson's firm belief that the two countries could work even closer for mutual benefit.

Parkinson was opening the confederation of British industry's seminar Saudi Arabia's Third Five Year Development Plan, organized to acquaint British firms with the opportunities that exist.

King receives Kuwait message

RIYADH, March 1 (SPA) — King Khaled received a message from Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, the ruler of Kuwait, Sunday. The Kuwaiti ruler wished King Khaled health and happiness and progress and prosperity to the Saudi Arabian people. The cable was a reply to a message sent by King Khaled to Sheikh Sabah on the national day of Kuwait.

Meanwhile, Crown Prince Fahd congratulated Sunday Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo for taking office as the new Spanish premier. He expressed the hope that the new cabinet would achieve success under the wise guidance of King Juan Carlos. Sotelo assumed premiership after the resignation of former Premier Adolfo Suarez.

COMMENT

By Abdul Rahman Saad Al-Samari
Al-Jadrah

Our problem in commercial life starts when we find that some of us want to become merchants overnight. Some people crave to take a big leap from a petty official to a general manager or a businessman. Some even try to give up the job of a driver or a messenger in order to become a dealer in real estate!

When a man of this type bears that so and so has become a merchant or a real estate owner, he gets anxious, pulls down his headgear in confusion and starts thinking how he can open an establishment, a grocery or even a sanitaryware shop. His main concern is to find himself in a position where he can carry a card that says he is the general manager!

With all this in mind, he begins thinking on how to get the capital to run the establishment. In order to see his dream fulfilled, he may even sell his wife's jewelry or his house, so he can place himself in the category of a merchant or a general manager.

All this done, he becomes the owner of an establishment within a matter of weeks, distributes his card among friends and acquaintances. He runs the "show" for some time until, probably in less than a year he is found dragged to the courts, then to prison. He is reduced to this position because he fails in his venture, becomes bankrupt and is haunted by those who loaned him funds to embark on the business. Suddenly, and suitably, he loses everything, except perhaps the title of the general manager of nothing he owns!

I write this in the hope that people might take lesson and benefit from the experiences of, better still, the ignorance of others.

French artists display handicrafts

JEDDAH, March 1 — Mecca Governor Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen attended the opening night of an exhibition of French handicrafts at the Meridien Hotel Sunday night, according to a hotel spokesman.

French Ambassador Michel Drumetz and Mr. Bandouin, general manager of the Society for the promotion of artistic crafts, who helped organize the exhibition, also attended the exhibition. About 200 persons attended the reception, which was held in the ballroom of the Meridien.

The exhibit at the Meridien Hotel includes some 250 objects made by French artists and crafts. Several categories of works can be found: tapestry, silverware, lights, pottery, stained glass works, embroidery, small furniture, lace and decorative panels. Most of these objects are unique pieces of art, such as the decorative panel made by Bernard Devillers, a worker in marquetry who was presented the Best Artisan of France award in 1979. The panel displays a very fine wood inlaying work encircling the central flower design. One can also notice the stained glass creations by the members of the Hyalos group, among whom Henri Guerin, who decorated several churches and buildings in France and abroad in the past. The window

Workers brave desert to build Jubail site

By Aty Mahmood
JUBAIL, March 1 (AP) — Sunbanned and ambitious Saudi Arabians, armed with an estimated \$40 billion, are pushing towering trucks and cranes through vast expanses of sand to build an industrial oasis here.

"We are building a new civilization here," said Jassem Abdullah, a 32-year-old Saudi Arabian truck caravan leader. Behind him stretched a long line of trucks carrying sewer and water pipes, each big enough to gulp a small automobile.

The 160-square-kilometer project site: 110 kilometers (70 miles) north of Dhahran, is gradually turning the sleepy fishing village into one of the most ambitious industrial development projects in the world.

Saudi Arabian planners have poured \$7 billion into Jubail and earmarked \$14 billion more for the coming four years.

By the turn of the century, the area will have absorbed an estimated \$40 billion attracted 400,000 residents and fretted its skyline with huge industrial structures ranging from petrochemicals to iron and steel plants, highrise apartment buildings, playgrounds, schools and hospitals.

"Jubail will be a center of burgeoning industries, an export center and an oasis of peace," a Saudi engineer commented.

A seawater desalination moored in the Gulf overlooks a network of paved roads dotted on both sides with prefabricated housing units for the multinational workers.

The project was launched in 1975, when

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about 300 contractors landed bids totaling billion. This and a similar project at the Red Sea center of Yanbu were the brainchild of the late King Faisal, who sought ways diversifying the economy against the day Kingdome's oil wells run out.

Saudi Arabia's revenues from oil sales quadrupled in 1973 and increased dramatically in subsequent years, prompting the government of King Khaled to accelerate pace in Jubail and Yanbu.

The King picked Dr. Farouk Al-Akhdar, 40-year-old American-educated Saudi, to supervise the projects, assisted by the available Western and Far Eastern contractors and technology.

Akhdar commissioned the Bechtel Corporation of the United States to supervise construction, under a 20-year master plan. He also hired contractors from Japan, Britain, West Germany, Holland, South Korea, Greece.

Saudi subcontractors have won contracts involving more than \$1.3 billion, official said. Water, power, hospital and schools telecommunications projects are near completion in most parts of Jubail. South Korea Hyundai Construction company has built industrial port to receive iron ore and other raw material export oil products.

Plans include a lube oil refinery and petrochemical complexes, two oil refineries and a steel mill. One Saudi official said it two of every three industries originally planned for Jubail have been deferred or canceled.

"We are careful to see that every project right for the needs of Saudi Arabia and external markets," he said. "Previous projects have either been too high or too low. But projects we now are building here are certain to be economically viable."

Akhdar said the first phase of Jubail, opening in 1984, will evolve the base for the project. Later, private sector companies will be invited to buy shares into government-financed concerns until the bulk of the industries become privately owned.

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he sent for the exhibit is a very modern design blending colors in a range of ochre, which the naturally generous luminosity of this country enlightens even more.

The show also includes more utility types of handicrafts, such as silverware pieces by famous and well-known Christoffe and Ercuis shops, Limoges porcelaines and the beautiful hand-made lace tablecloth from the Atelier Conservatoire National de la Dentelle du Puy, a workshop created in 1976 by the President of France to preserve the 16th-century techniques of the trade.

The purpose of this event is a double one. On one hand it is sponsored by the S.E.M.A., a government agency which promotes handicrafts and art in and out of France, mostly through exhibitions like the one at the Meridien. On the other hand, the artists taking part in it wish it to be a starting point for more durable relationships with the art enthusiasts in the Kingdom.

The ballroom of the Meridien where the exhibition takes place will be open to the public from March 2nd to 5th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Ladies' day will be Tuesday morning — March 3rd.

This exhibition was initiated by the French Embassy who contacted the S.E.M.A.

Ramada to open hotel

JEDDAH, March 1 — A new 350-room hotel now being built on Corniche Road here will be the second unit to operate under the Ramada Hotels International banner in Saudi Arabia. The other 208-room hotel is at Dhahran, a Ramada press statement said Sunday.

Ramada are to manage the hotel under a contract from Sheikh Muhammad Al Anoudi. It is scheduled to open in Spring 1983.

Sheikh Muhammad, apart from developing the hotel, is currently responsible for other enterprises including the creation of a township to the North of Jeddah at Al Khalidiah.

It will provide initially over 3,377 houses and flats. Support facilities within the development will include recreational and communal services and comprehensive public utilities including desalination plant.

BRIEFS

Justice official visits
RIYADH, March 1 (SPA) — Muhammad Al-Fassi Al-Fabri, first undersecretary at the Justice Ministry in Morocco, arrived here Saturday on a short visit. He will discuss with senior officials cooperation in legal matters between Saudi Arabia and Morocco and acquaint himself with Saudi Arabia's experiment in eradicating crime by applying the Islamic penal code.

Bus line opens
QASIM, March 1 (SPA) — The Saudi Public Transport Company (SAPTCO) opened a new line Saturday between Buraidah and Al-Ross. Line 82 will stop over at Al-Shagah, Al-Bukayreyyah, Al-Khobara, Riyadh Al-Khobara, Al-Bada'ie and several other villages. It will cost a SR5 to travel from Buraidah to Shagah and SR8 from Buraidah to the airport. The price to Al-Khobara will be SR13, to Al-Bada'ie SR15, to Riyadh Al-Khobara SR16 and to Al-Ross SR20.

Welfare society ceremony
JEDDAH, March 1 (SPA) — The widow of King Faisal, in her capacity as founder of the Faysaleya Feminist Welfare Society, will address the opening of a two-day seminar organized by the society here Wednesday on the role of such institutions in Saudi Arabia and the services they render to the community. The seminar will also be addressed by Princess Hassa, daughter of King Khaled and head of the Jeddah Womens Society.

Horse races scheduled
RIYADH, March 1 (SPA) — The 17th horse racing event of the season will be held by Al-Ferrousseya Club at Al-Malazz race track near here Monday.

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Plans eyed to transmit lectures

KAU enrollment growth spurs microwave idea

By Ahmad Khuroo
JEDDAH, March 1 — Plans are underway to install a microwave relay system in King Abdul Aziz University to relay lectures to girl students being taught at present through broadcasts transmitted by cable.

The broadcasts, live and taped, are monitored by a closed circuit TV operated by the Media and Technology Center of KAU. Television Systems Engineer Shafi U. Al-Ansari of the Media Center told *Arab News* the present cable lines within the campus were laid when the television was employed for educational ends since 1971 specially as the girl students had to be taught in seclusion.

As a result of a growing need to offer more of a variety of courses to women, the cable system has turned out to be inadequate. "It is able to make only two broadcasts at a time when more are needed", Al-Ansari said.

The cables were laid in 1971, a few years after KAU was opened and there has been a constant danger of the cables being damaged by construction work within the campus. Twice the cables were cut during transmission and the Media Center had a problem repairing them.

Al-Ansari said the female students who watch the closed circuit TV within their own separate lecture halls can put a question to the professor delivering the live talk. "There is one phone for a pair of students and they can ring up and get their queries answered," he remarked.

Unable to give any more details about the microwave system since it still is in the planning stage, Al-Ansari said the center has five studios working in the campus: two "improved studios" in the girls' section, two permanent studios and one lecture hall that is used occasionally as a studio when a visiting lecturer gives a talk to the KAU's male students.

The microwave system offers the freedom of "unlimited channels" since it is an open-ended system unlike the old one. The media people can add channels when the need arises to deliver more live programs to the growing number of girl students who are taking the courses at the university.



(SPA photo)
MEETING: Jordanian Deputy Transport Minister Hassem Al-Tajer (center) and his delegation was met by senior Communications Ministry officials in Riyadh Saturday. Tajer is here to attend a meeting of the Hejaz Rail Road Re-commissioning Executive Committee.

At spring fair India to promote trade effort

By Javid Hassan
JEDDAH, March 1 — About 200 Indian firms will participate in Jeddah's spring fair which begins March 20, an Indian trade official said Sunday.

Surendra Singh, managing director, Trade Fair Authority of India, told *Arab News* that the Indian debut marked the beginning of a concerted drive will be launched soon to increase export trade.

Asked why India, despite its immense size and potential, had not been able to do as well as smaller countries like the Republic of China and South Korea, Singh said there were several factors. First was the continental size of the country with a population of 647 million. "Indian industry is by and large preoccupied with meeting the vast internal demand for primary, manufactured and engineering products."

He said excess capacity will have to be developed to meet the requirements of exports which at present account for 80 per cent of India's import oil bill amounting to about \$6 billion. The situation thus differs from that in Taiwan and Korea, "which are considerably smaller though economically dynamic."

Singh, who arrived here Thursday to

supervise the arrangements for the Indian trade fair, said India's volume of trade had shot up from \$1.3 billion in 1960-61 to \$8 billion in 1979-80, representing an increase of more than 600 per cent. "Exports to the Kingdom itself have been rising at a rate of 52.4 per cent over the last five years," he added.

He said a recent trend was the fall in the exports of traditional items like textiles, spices, rice and tea — from 60 per cent to 38 per cent over the last 12 years. This was offset by the sharp increase in the export of engineering goods from SR20 million to SR390 million during the same period.

"Whereas ten years ago the Saudi share of the total Indian engineering exports worldwide was only 1.7 per cent, today the share is close to 6 per cent. All these positive trends have encouraged us to hold a large Indian trade exhibition to display the range of commodities which we can offer," Singh said.

Singh said India has made rapid strides in the development of infrastructure and production capabilities, an area in which Indian knowhow could be offered to the Kingdom.

Company to show new weaving loom

JEDDAH, March 1 — Reeves-Dryad will be featuring at the Saudi Education 81 Exhibition in Riyadh from 26 - 30 April 1981 their revolutionary Masterweaver loom, a new concept in loom technology specially designed for fast and easy pattern weaving. No extra equipment is needed, a press statement said Sunday.

Bank officials discuss Khartoum agenda

By Ahmad Shaaban
JEDDAH, March 1 — Representatives of six Islamic countries met at the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency Sunday to discuss the agenda of the fourth meeting of governors of central banks and monetary authorities of member states in the Organization of the Islamic Conference due to be held in Khartoum, March 7-9.

The governor of Jordan's Central Bank, Dr. Muhammad Said Al-Nabulsi, arrived in Riyadh Saturday to join the other members of the committee from Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Sudan, the United Arab Emirates, the OIC General Secretariat, the International Association of Islamic Banks and the Islamic Development Bank.

The request to the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank to invest the Palestine Liberation Organization as an observer to the meetings of both institutions will top the agenda of the Khartoum meeting. The request was made by SAMA Governor Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Qurashi in his capacity as chairman of the third meeting of governors held in Riyadh, September 1-2, 1980.

Central bank governors and monetary authorities of OIC member states also adopted at their Riyadh meeting last year a PLO proposal on the generalization of the Arab boycott of Israel and the provision of further support to Palestinian resistance efforts. The governors decided to encourage and facilitate marketing of Palestinian agricultural and industrial products in Islamic countries.

OIC Secretary General Habib Chatbi also cabled U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim demanding that the PLO be given observer status at the IMF and World Bank.

Arab countries, led by Saudi Arabia, had decided to withhold loans to the World Bank to protest the blocking of the PLO status by the United States at the two international institutions.

The United States and its allies two weeks ago were reportedly signaling their readiness to compromise with Saudi Arabia and other Arab states on the PLO status. IMF sources in Washington have reported that the institution is negotiating with Saudi Arabia to borrow between \$3.7 billion and \$5 million annually for the next three years.

The controversy over the PLO status followed the failure of the boards of the World Bank and the IMF to carry out recommendations by the chairman of the two U.N. agencies, Amir Jamal of Tanzania, which called

for giving the PLO an observer status. The United States and its allies then proposed amending by-laws of the World Bank and the IMF in disfavor of the PLO, but central bank governors of Islamic nations voted against the amendment.

The governors at their fourth meeting in Khartoum will review a progress report on the implementation of recommendations of their third meeting. The most significant development since has been the adoption by the third Islamic summit in Saudi Arabia in January of a "Plan of Action to Strengthen Economic Cooperation among Member States." The plan calls upon the governors and the IDB to study and take appropriate action to enhance the flow of financial resources in OIC member states through terms and conditions that are better adapted to their

development programs and economic circumstances, while giving special consideration to the most pressing socio-economic problems of the least developed countries.

It also called, among other things, on the governors to complete their assessment of the existing national capital markets to seek measures to encourage OIC member states to invite in each other's territory.

The committee meeting Sunday particularly was established in Riyadh last September to carry out a detailed study and prepare a set of regulations on Islamic principles that must govern Islamic banks in a number of OIC member states.

The group already met once to prepare the initial report that was examined Sunday and will be submitted to the governors' fourth meeting in Sudan next week.

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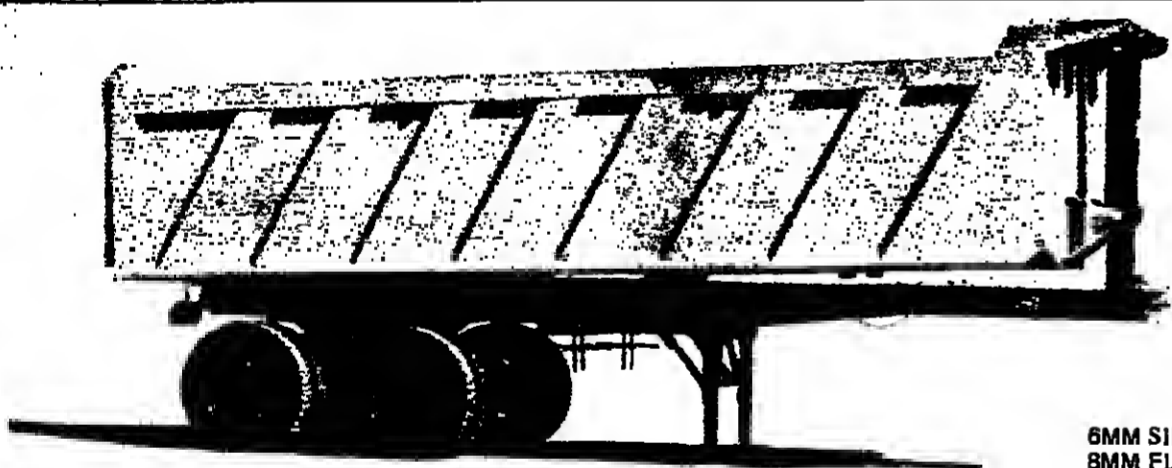
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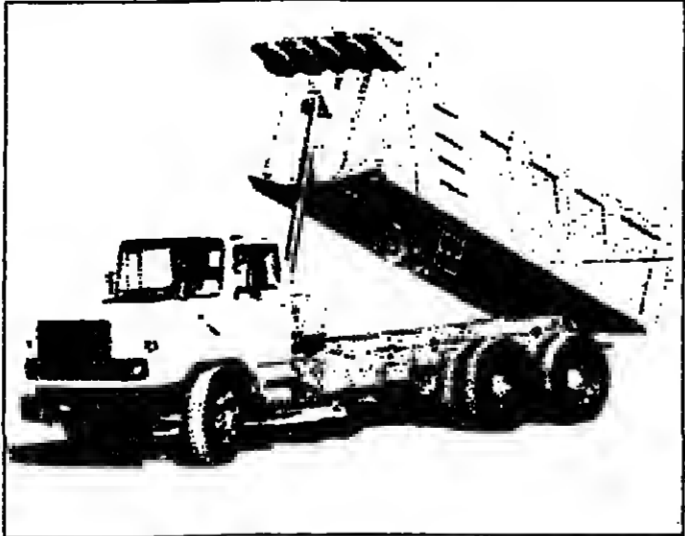
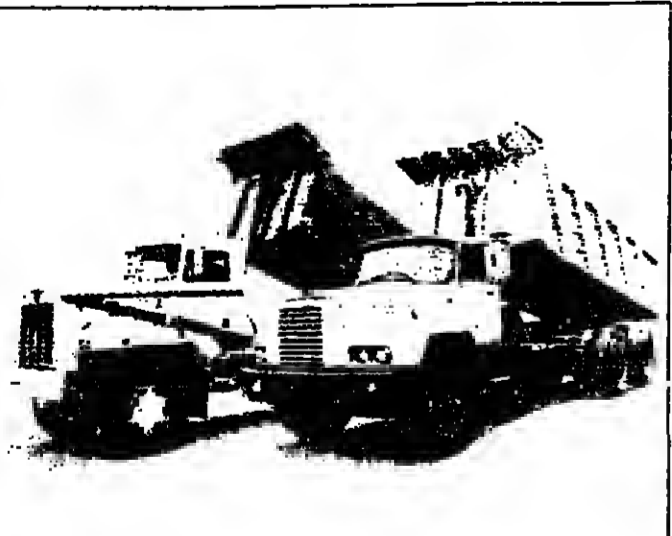


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In a compromise move

Dutch party favors ban on NATO arms

AMSTERDAM, March 1 (AP) — The Dutch Labor Party, winding up a three-day congress, has approved motions calling for a reduction in Holland's nuclear arsenal and a ban on new NATO atomic weapons on Dutch soil.

Setting its program for the May 26 national election, the party voted Saturday to reduce by four or five Holland's current six forms of nuclear arms, which include nuclear artillery and plane — and ship-launched missiles.

The move was seen as a compromise to

placate the party's restive left-wing, which was seeking immediate and unilateral nuclear disarmament. In adopting the motion, the congress endorsed the view of parliamentary leader Joop Den Uyl, who had threatened to withdraw as leader if the party called for a complete ban on nuclear weapons in Holland.

Den Uyl, a former premier, was later overwhelmingly elected party leader in the coming election. By voting for a ban on new weapons, the party confirmed its opposition to the deployment of cruise missiles in Holland, a battling point in Dutch politics since December 1979. The present center-right government narrowly averted collapse by postponing a decision on accepting the missile until December this year.

Den Uyl said in a newspaper interview on the opening day of the congress Thursday that his ultimate goal is "to getting nuclear weapons out of Europe" and added that reducing Holland's nuclear arsenal will not depend "on the approval and cooperation of the allies."

The congress rejected with large majorities motions calling for unilateral removal of nuclear weapons from Dutch soil and for Holland's withdrawal from NATO.

U.S. jet crash victims untraced, navy reports

MANILA, March 1 (AP) — Four days of searching have failed to produce any trace of 17 military men from four countries missing after a U.S. air force transport plane crashed into the South China Sea, a U.S. navy spokesman said Sunday.

"Sometime Monday there will be a decision on their status — whether they will remain listed as whereabouts unknown or be declared missing and presumed dead," said Lt. Cmdr. Fred Leeder, information officer at the U.S. Subic naval base, northwest of Manila.



HELMET COLLECTION: Guenther Reichelt, a Bavarian municipal employee and volunteer firefighter, is proud of his collection of 93 firemen's helmets, which is perhaps the largest private collection of its kind in Germany. The helmets are from 28 countries. His collection fever started when he came into possession of an 18th century Saxon fire captain's helmet.

Giscard may run for election

PARIS, March 1 (AFP) — French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing is expected to lift the veil of secrecy this week on his intention to run for a second seven-year term of office in the spring.

In spite of his silence no one has any doubt that he will want to stay in power, and that he will make his move soon, carefully stage-managed for maximum effect. An interview Friday calling on the French people to reject "political instability and disorder" appeared to confirm it.

Monday or Thursday seemed to be the most likely days for his announcement, though its timing and manner are still a closely-guarded secret. He may choose to make it a provincial town he considers typical of the "heart of France", which he often contrasts with "the turmoil of politicking".

But observers think it more likely that he will opt for a short television broadcast from the presidential Elysee Palace, as his predecessor Charles de Gaulle did in 1965. Giscard d'Estaing's entry on the electoral scene may be later than that of his main rivals — Gaullist mayor of Paris Jacques Chirac, Socialist Francois Mitterrand and Communist Georges Marchais — but it has been meticulously prepared.

His campaign poster is ready, with a photograph of the president against a background of blue — one of France's national colors which will feature prominently in his



Valery Giscard d'Estaing

election literature. The campaign will concentrate on the essential middle-of-the-road policies of the president, stressing the rightist stance of Chirac and insisting that Mitterrand would be unable to govern without the support of the Communists.

This harping on the uncertainties that would accompany a victory by any of the other main rivals has made some commentators recollect Gen. De Gaulle's favorite theme during his presidency: "Me, or chaos."

BRIEFS

JUNEAU, Alaska, (AFP) — Twenty seamen were missing after a South Korean ship, *Dae Rim* caught fire Friday night near the Aleutian islands, and another was known to have drowned, the U.S. coast guard announced Saturday night.

ROME, (AP) — A body pulled from the Tiber River was identified Saturday as a kidnapped industrialist missing since early December. Police said they had fished out Valerio Ciocchetti next to the Galeria bridge Friday.

ATLANTA, Georgia (AP) — Volunteer searchers trying to help police solve the mysterious deaths and disappearances of 21 black children in the Atlanta area found some bones early Saturday near an interstate highway, but a medical examiner identified them as dog remains.

NEW DELHI, (AP) Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government has ordered central rule in the troubled northeastern state of Manipur, after a government comprising her ruling Congress Party collapsed. President Sanjiva Reddy issued a proclamation Saturday placing the Manipur legislature under suspension after officials reported that no political party could form a stable government in the remote state.

BOGOTA, (AP) — Some 30 guerrillas took over a small Colombian town Saturday and killed a policeman and a businessman, state government officials were quoted as saying. The heavily armed guerrillas killed the policeman who tried to drive off the guerrillas at the town of Puent Velez, the national radio chain Caracol said.

Senghor elected chief of inter-African panel

TUNIS, March 1 (R) — Former Senegalese President Leopold Sedar Senghor has been named chairman of a new Inter-African Socialist Organization which will have its headquarters in Tunis. Senghor, who retired earlier this year after 20 years as president of Senegal, had been behind the idea of creating such an organization along with Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba.



Leopold Senghor

Although the charter adopted by the three-day meeting, which ended Saturday, says the socialist organization should not become an ideological crusade, Senghor and Bourguiba have made it clear it was designed to counter the influence of the Marxist countries in Africa.

Twenty-one countries were invited to the constituent session of the organization, but only nine have joined. They are Sudan, Somalia, Senegal, Morocco, Tunisia, Mauritius, Djibouti, Ghana and Gambia, all of whom are regarded as moderates in Africa.

The session elected Bourguiba honorary president, according to a communique. The organization aims to work for rapprochement between African peoples and to promote economic development and democratic freedoms in Africa.

The conference named Morocco, Ghana and Sudna for vice-presidential posts of the inter-African. The organization's general secretariat will be provided by Tunisia's ruling Destourian Socialist Party. Its headquarters will also be in Tunis.

The People's Progressive Party of Mauritius was given under-secretariat responsibility.

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To retain WBC crown

Saad Muhammad kayoes Johnson

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey March 1 (AP) — Matthew Saad Muhammad, showing patience and speed, scored an 11th round knockout over eighth-ranked Vonzell Johnson Saturday to keep his World Boxing Council light heavyweight title.

Johnson, 28, of Columbus, Ohio, led throughout most of the scheduled 15-round bout by constantly moving around Saad Muhammad's frustrating attempts to score to face.

Johnson used his lanky 6-foot-4 frame and long arms to keep the 5-11 Saad Muhammad away until he began to tire in the ninth round. The champion stayed calm through the difficult early rounds and concentrated on wearing down his less experienced opponent. The end came midway through the 11th round when a lightning fast look stunned Johnson and a follow up right brought him down against the ropes.

Minutes after he returned another combination which brought Johnson to the mat again and referee Tony Perez stopped the fight.

Johnson lost the fight when fatigue from moving late rally caught up with him. Saad Muhammad scored when Johnson retreated but could not connect when his opponent kept moving.

The turning point came in the sixth round when Johnson, who was leading four rounds to one, slipped while barely being touched. Perez ruled it a knock-down, however, and Johnson laughed at the call.

Saad Muhammad, 32, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania now has a 29-2-3 professional record with 21 knockouts.

It was Saad Muhammad's fifth defense of his title in two years.



STINGING RIGHT: Saad Muhammad using his weapon.

As Watson flounders

Andy Bean moves into driver's seat

ORLANDO, Florida, March 1 (AP) — Andy Bean — greatly aide of the triple bogey disaster that ambushed Tom Watson — surged out to a three-stroke lead Saturday on the strength of a 4-under-par 67 in the third round of the \$300,000 Bay Hill Golf Classic.

Bean, who entered the day's play tied with Watson for the top spot, took sole control with a 197 total for 54 holes. He was a whopping 16 strokes under par on the 7,102-yard Bay Hill Club course.

Watson was victimized by the triple bogey when he drove out of bounds and eventually three-putted from the fringe on the ninth. He once was five shots behind on the back nine.

But Watson, golf's player of the year for the past four seasons, displayed the grit that has helped make him the game's no. 1 performer. He birdied two of the last four holes to salvage a 70 and took a 200 total into Sunday's final round of the chase for the first prize.

"Kind of an up and down round," said Watson, who has been fighting an erratic driver most of the season. "I'm just not very confident with my long game. I hit a bad drive on the ninth and it cost me a triple bogey."

Mark O'Meara, a rookie and former National Amateur Champion playing with Bean and Watson in the final group, was third, a distant seven strokes back at 204 after a third-round 70.

The only other men with 10 shots of the runaway Bean were Mike Donald and Mick Soli, tied at 206. Donald had the best round of the sunny, almost windless day, a 66. Soli shot a 67. Lee Trevino was 72-213 and Arnold Palmer, the tournament host and owner and operator of the Bay Hill Club, was 73-218.

Bean, winner of six titles in the last four years, quickly opened up a 3-stroke lead on

England cricketers wait anxiously

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, March 1 (AP) — England's cricketers, harassed by rain, soundly beaten in their last two matches by the West Indies and now dogged by political controversy, spent Saturday waiting to hear whether their Caribbean tour will continue.

The Englishmen arrived here Friday night after aborting the Guyana leg of the tour, including the second Test. This followed a Guyana government decision to debar fast bowler Robin Jackman a replacement for injured vice-captain Bob Willis because he had played and coached in South Africa.

The fate of the tour is to be decided by Monday at a meeting of the foreign ministers of Barbados, Antigua and Jamaica, the three countries where Test matches are scheduled.

Barbados foreign minister Henry Forde confirmed Saturday that a decision on whether Jackman would be allowed to play in the three countries would be made at the meeting.

Forde and foreign ministers Lester Bird of Antigua and Hugh Shearer of Jamaica are expected to discuss provisions of the

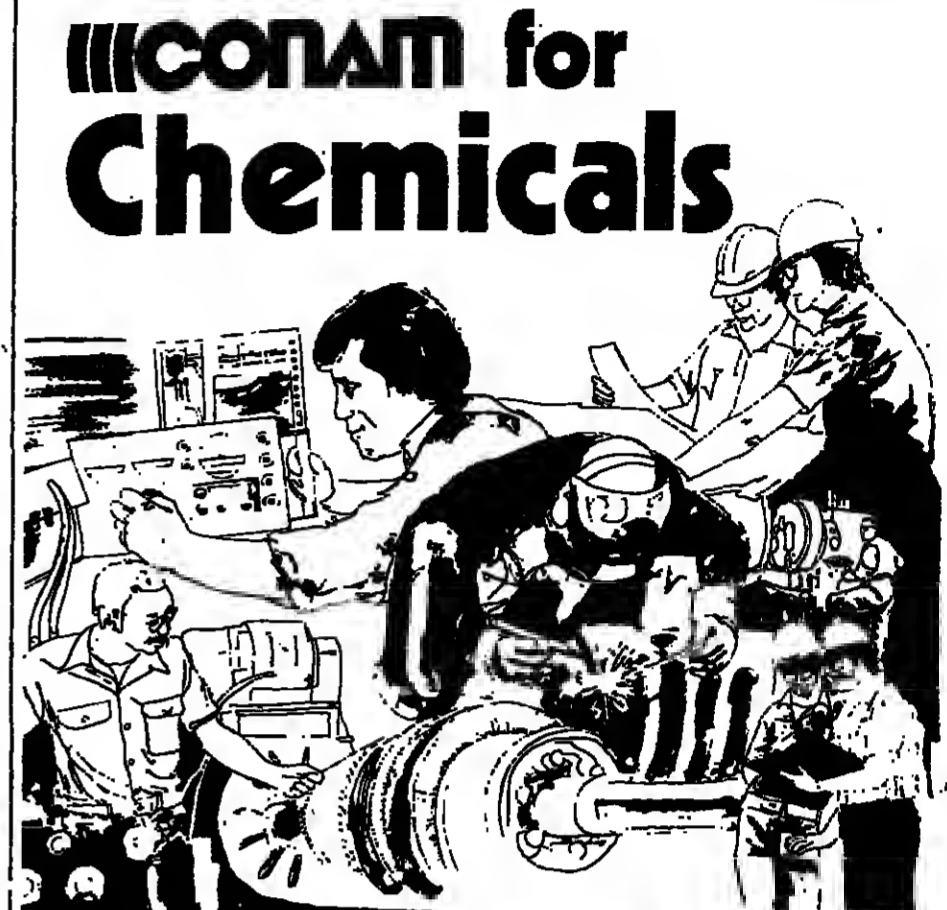
Glenagles agreement on sporting contact with South Africa, made at the 1977 Commonwealth Prime Ministers Conference in Britain.

Guyana said it revoked Jackman's visitors visa because his inclusion in the England team breached the Glenagles agreement.

The English Cricket Council, supported by British sports minister Hector Munro, disagreed, saying Jackman's inclusion did not contravene either the spirit or letter of the agreement.

Team manager Alan Smith said Saturday that if Jackman were not allowed to play here, the tour would be cancelled and the Englishmen would return home.

He continued, however, to express optimism about the outcome. "We have come here to play cricket and that is what we hope we will be allowed to do," he said.



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BRIEFS

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, (AP) — The touring Indian cricket team appeared certain of victory at stumps on the second day of their match with Otago at Arisbrook Sunday. The home side, 131 run behind India on the first innings, were 60 for six wickets at close of play. Spinner Ravi Shastri destroyed the top half of Otago's second innings taking three wickets for 11 runs off 15 overs.

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan has offered to play the remaining three cricket Test matches against the West Indies if the English team's tour to the Caribbean is called off. The Pakistani team would fly to the West Indies at "a moment's notice," a

spokesman of the Pakistani Cricket Control Board said Sunday.

GLASGOW, (AFP) — David Bryant, holder of the World Indoor Bowls title for the past two years, reached Sunday's final at Coatbridge here with an overwhelming 20-3 victory over another England player, Derek Bell, here Saturday. Bell had defeated Bryant the last time they met and won all his group matches this week, but in the semi-final, he could do little right.

PARIS, (AFP) — Sweden narrowly defeated Denmark 23-21 in the playoff for third place in the Group 'B' World Hand-

ball Championships at Saint-Ouen Saturday night. Switzerland beat France 21-18 to take fifth place.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Clai Regazzoni, the Swiss racing driver, said Saturday that he is looking forward to a return to his Lugano apartment in the next couple of weeks and finishing his memoirs.

SEATTLE (AP) — Seventh-seeded Barbara Potter, a semifinalist in four of five women's indoor tennis tournaments she has entered, gained her first final berth in the singles competition of the \$150,000 Avon Tennis Championship Saturday night with a 6-4, 7-6 victory over Kathy Jordan.

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Aston snatches maximum points

Ipswich strengthens position

LONDON, March 1 (R) — Ipswich added Coventry to their long list of victims Saturday and stayed firmly on course for their first English League Soccer Championship for 19 years.

Close challengers Aston Villa had to wait until Peter Withe scored eight minutes from time before taking both points in a 1-0 win at Wolverhampton.

Third placed champions Liverpool struggled off a six-match run without a win by beating Southampton 2-0. Ray Kennedy and Terry McDermott struck a goal in each half.

Kevin Keegan must have been the most disappointed player in the match. The Southampton midfielder had shrugged off injury at the last minute to make his first league appearance at his former club for four years.

Scottish international Alan Brazil hit the opener for Ipswich after 32 minutes and Eric Gates, his England counterpart, added a second two minutes into the second half. Steve McCall and Russel Osman completed the rout.

Wolverhampton frustrated Aston Villa despite the loss of midfielder Peter Daniel after 24 minutes. He went to hospital with a knee injury.

European champions Nottingham Forest were given a testing time at Leicester whose victories over Liverpool, Tottenham and Manchester United bely their lowly status.

Steve Lynex, signed from Birmingham two weeks ago, shot Leicester ahead a minute before the interval but Nottingham Forest

scraped a late equalizer through Colin Walsh.

Norwich City with only one point from their last eight games, defeated Brighton 3-1 in a relegation clash. Mick McGuire hit Norwich's first goal of the year in the ninth minute, then Dave Watson and Justin Fashanu collected two more. Mick Robinson replied for Brighton eight minutes from time.

Everton missed two penalties but still kept Crystal Palace bottom with a 3-2 away triumph. Vince Hilarie equalized Peter Eastoe's opening goal for Everton then the struggling London club went further behind after goals by Steve McMahon and Imre Varadi.

Palace goalkeeper Paul Barron saved a 40th minute Trevor Ross penalty then watched McMahon fire his second half spot kick wide. Clive Allen showed the Everton pair how it should be done with his 76th minute penalty which put Crystal Palace back

into the match.

Arsenal and their London rivals Tottenham both drew. Frank Stapleton and John Hollins shared the Arsenal goals but visiting Middlesbrough recovered twice through David Armstrong and Mark Shearer.

Garth Crooks hit his 17th goal of the season for Tottenham at Sunderland, who equalized through Ian Bowyer midway through the second half.

Brian Flynn scored in the 86th minute to give Leeds a shock 1-0 win at Manchester United and West Bromwich Albion were surprisingly held 2-2 at home by neighbors Birmingham.

In the Scottish Premier League, champions Aberdeen were surprisingly beaten 2-1 by St. Mirren at home and now trail leaders Celtic by four points with 10 games remaining. Celtic maintained their recent good form with a comfortable 3-0 win at Morton

Soccer Results table with columns for English Division One, Scottish Premier Division, and Division Two, listing teams and scores.

Asmara begins with a bang Dallah registers narrow victory

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, March 1 — Dallah Avco consolidated their position at the top of the First Division, Wednesday night, with a 2-1 victory over Hochtief which puts them three points clear of Whittaker, although the latter have a game in hand.

With the season entering its second half, teams will now be facing replays and Dallah have the prospect of playing Saudi on Tuesday night in what should be this week's top match. Dallah crashed 2-0 in their first meeting but will be out for revenge. Saudi have been inconsistent this season but a win could take them into second place in the league if

Whittaker lose their next match. However, Whittaker play Lockheed, who are struggling with only five points from six matches, so much feel confident of a win.

Asmara started the second half of the season with a 4-0 thrashing of FOJP, Wednesday, and seem a totally different team to the one which lost four of its first five matches. Asmara won in almost an embarrassing style, although many of FOJP's earlier problems resulted from a shaky performance by their keeper. Asmara may have left their comeback too late but are now starting to build an impressive record, holding Saudi to a 1-1 draw on Feb. 2, then downing Dallah 2-0 two

weeks ago. Their next match is against Hochtief, who were the only team they beat in their early matches. Asmara must feel confident, but Hochtief are unpredictable and can play good football, as Saudi and Whittaker found to their cost.

Al Hada appear to be suffering the effects of constantly travelling from Taif, having gained only one point from their last three matches. The rot looked imminent when they beat Whittaker Villa by only 4-0. Then followed a 3-1 defeat by Zahid, a 3-3 draw with Toyota, and last week they suffered a humiliating 7-1 thrashing at the hands of Dynasty.

Motocross photo contest

Friday's EMCA Motocross meet will also be the venue for keen amateur photographers as they vie for prizes in an exciting competition.

The Camera contests is sponsored by Ahmad Hassan Fatahi, watch and jewelry specialists, who will be giving one of their new Certina watches as the first prize, and Arab News, who will be offering a six-month free subscription of the daily for the second best picture taken at the event.

The picture can be about anything related to the meet and the winners will be chosen by Dick Massey, photographic editor of Arab News.

Any size print preferably black and white will do, but all entries must be accompanied by an entry form (printed below) cut from the Arab News. Entries should be sent to the sports editor, Arab News, P.O. Box 4556 Jeddah. Last date for entries is March 20. The winning name and photograph will be published on March 26 and 27.

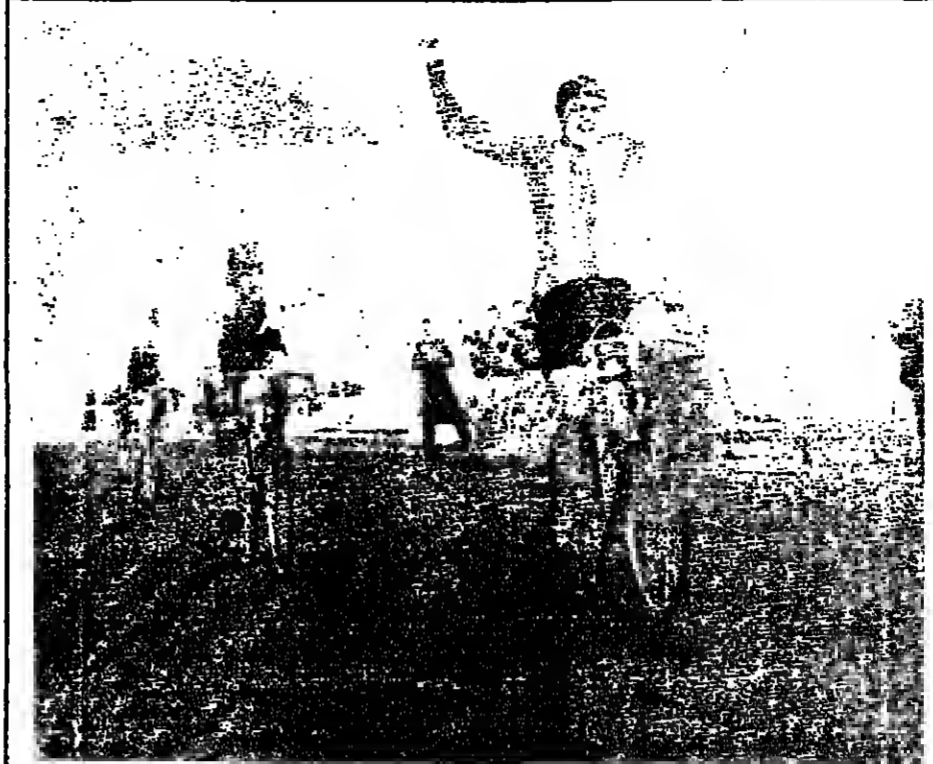
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Hada have a rest this week but they then face Toyota again in what will be a crucial match for their promotion hopes. NJIA and Toyota now head Division Two but Zahid and Dynasty are playing well and Hada should get over this poor patch, so this could well prove to be the closest of the three divisions, when the season finishes.

In Division Three action last week, cellar teams ADS and Scandinavia both lost to IAL and NJIA 5-9 and 1-5 respectively. Sogex surprised AST with a 2-0 win which leaves NJIA and J & P clear at the top, both with 13 points. This week sees both those teams in action. J & P meeting IAL and NJIA facing AST, both on Sunday.

Transfer approved

NEW YORK, March 1 (R) — The North American Soccer League (NASL) has approved a transfer of the Detroit Express franchise to Washington, NASL commissioner Phil Woosnam has announced. The club's ownership will remain the same and Detroit's home dates in the season beginning on March 28 will be switched to the new team.



ALL JOY: Czechoslovakia's Milos Fiera raises his hands as he crosses the finishing line to win the Amateur World Cycle-Cross Championship recently in Spain. Fiera is followed by Grzegorz Jaroszewski of Poland and Paul de Brauner of Belgium.

Hogan betters world mark

LINCOLN, Nebraska, March 1 (AP) — Sprinter Deon Hogan of Kansas flashed to a world record in the 440-yard (400.4-meter) run Saturday and the Jayhawks went on to win their 11th big eighth Indoor Track and Field Championship in 16 years.

Hogan outdistanced teammate Rodney Bullock in the 440 with a time of 47.20 seconds at the Bob Devaney Sports Center, a world indoor record for a 220-yard flat track. The old mark was 47.32 by Bert Cameron of Texas-El Paso.

"I was pretty well in control the whole way. I felt pretty good. I took off hard, hoping to hold on. I wanted to break the fieldhouse record. It was not hard to hold on at the end," said Hogan, who also ran a leg on Kansas' winning mile relay team.

Kansas, which won five of the meet's 17 events, rolled up 98 points, followed by Nebraska with 86 and Kansas State with 68. Iowa state was fourth with 63. Oklahoma State had 62, Missouri had 55 and Colorado and Oklahoma finished with 47 each.

For his efforts, Hogan was voted the outstanding performance of the 53rd annual meet.

Tanner, Mayer to clash in final

MEMPHIS, Tennessee March 1 (AP) — Roscoe Tanner moved quickly into the final of Sunday's U.S. National Indoor Tennis Championships Saturday night, taking only 45 minutes to dispose of unseeded Tom Gullickson 6-1, 6-0.

Tanner will meet Gene Mayer, who defeated France's Yannick Noah, 7-6, 6-0, in the other semifinal.

Tanner, the tournament's fifth seed, had his blistering serve working, losing only one point off it in the second set. "I've been up and down this week, and tonight I was very up," Tanner said after the match. "The last couple of days I would get ahead, then let up, but I didn't do that."

Tom (Gullickson) didn't play very well. He got off to a slow start which really helped me." Mayer's victory Saturday afternoon avenged his loss to Noah in the United Virginia Bank Classic last week. Noah won the tournament in Richmond.

Meanwhile, Vijay Amritraj of India had an upset three-set win against Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia beating him 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 in the first round of the Turin Tennis Tournament.

Other first round results: Adriano Panatta (ITA) beat Gildemeister Hans (CHI) 6-3, 7-6, Corrado Barazzutti (ITA) beat Wojtek Fibak (POL) 7-5, 6-1; Johan Kriek (SA) beat Ocleppo (ITA) 6-2, 6-7, 6-2.

In Mexico City, David Carter of Australia beat Steve Krulovits of Israel 6-1, 7-5 to reach the final of an International Grand Prix tournament. Carter will play Jaime Fillof of Chile who defeated Adolfo Gonzalez 6-3, 6-1 in the other semi-final.

Sweden's Lena Sandin and Roberta McCallum of Pennsylvania advanced Saturday to the finals of the \$30,000 Avon Futures of South Carolina Tournament.

Sandin, who plays in the final Sunday, qualified for the championship with a 6-4, 6-1 win over South Africa's Jennifer Mundel. McCallum advanced by defeating Eva Pfaff of West Germany, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3.

Saturday's semifinals marked the fourth consecutive time McCallum has had a three set match in the tournament and the fourth time she has dropped the second set after winning the first.

"The pattern is not one I enjoy," she said. "But I now have the confidence of knowing I can win the third set if I have to."

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Food crisis looms large over Poland

WARSAW, March 1 (AFP) — Poland, which has had four series of major riots since 1956 over food shortages and price increases, is now confronted with a new set of serious scarcities of potatoes, cereals, grains, livestock and other basic foods.

Agriculture Minister Wojtecki said Saturday that the country's 1980 cereal and forage production was the lowest in 20 years. The potato harvest was short by 50 per cent and sugar beet production was down 65 per cent from its usual level, Wojtecki said.

He also announced a shortfall of 130,000 tons in seeds for cereal grains as the spring seeding season approaches.

The shortage follows on the heels of promises by Polish leader General Wojciech Jaruzelski to tackle the country's agricultural problems as part of a general program to put Poland's economy back on its feet.

According to Wojtecki, livestock production was also well down from previous levels. In January, there were 1.7 per cent fewer pigs and 6.8 per cent fewer cattle than in the same month in 1980, and livestock levels will

continue to shrink despite efforts to step up production, he said.

It will take at least one year to increase the number of pigs in Poland and several years to increase the number of cattle, Wojtecki said.

Contributing to the problem was the shortage of forage, he said.

In the past five years, the state has not raised the prices it pays to farmers for agricultural products and in some cases the prices have declined.

During the same period, farm equipment doubled and trebled in price while serious shortages of farm machinery parts are crippling attempts at stepping up production. This spring, shortages of tractor spare parts, particularly tires and batteries, are expected to make useless about 20 per cent of Poland's 40,000 tractors.

Attempts at modernizing the country's agricultural industry are also hampered by the size of farms. Some 60 per cent are five hectares (12.5 acres) or less, and many such farms are owned by the country's millions of private farmers.

Russia rules out oil imports

MOSCOW, March 1 (AP) — Soviet Premier Nikolai A. Tikhonov has presented a slow-growth oil production plan to the Communist Party Congress, but a senior economic official insisted to reporters the plan "doesn't mean we cannot produce more."

The economic official, Nikolai Ryzhkov of the state planning committee, also declared, "I can firmly state that we have never been importers of oil and are not going to be in the near future."

The plan presented Friday by Tikhonov

calls for oil output of 620 million to 645 million metric tons by 1985 (12.4 to 12.9 million barrels per day), about the same target once set for 1980. The plan for 1985 was first revealed last December.

The Soviet Union produced 603 million tons of oil (12.06 million barrels per day) in 1980, and plans a slight rise to 610 million tons (12.2 million barrels per day) this year.

Tikhonov also called in his economic policy message for strong efforts to avoid wasting energy.



FREIGHTER GROUNDED: The West German freighter *Algot* lies on the ground at Stenharum in southern Finland as poisonous chemicals are being removed to a smaller ship. The freighter has remained grounded for six weeks and efforts to remove the chemicals or unfasten the ship have been hit by bad weather.

Downward trend in German economy continues

BONN, March 1 (AFP) — West Germany's economy seems to be getting deeper into difficulty, strengthening calls for an austerity plan against a background of worsening inflation and trade performance, and a fragile mark.

This contrasts with West Germany's image in the 1970's as a model of economic and industrial rectitude — but there can be no doubt about the changing climate with prices rising by 0.8 per cent in January and 0.7 per cent in February.

On top of this, Germany has just registered its worst-ever trade deficit of 923 million marks (\$435 million).

The warning signs first appeared in August when the first deficit for 15 years was recorded. However, the deficit for the whole summer was a mere 133 million marks (\$63 million).

But it now looks as though West Germany has lost its magic touch of achieving surpluses despite the rising cost of oil and the onerous value of its currency.

In 1974 — the year following the first oil price shock — West Germany had a trade surplus of 50,800 million marks (\$24,000 million).

But today the country's exports do not meet the cost of importing oil which is likely

to become an increasing burden because the country lacks an alternative energy policy.

The volume of exports in January was 10 per cent down on January 1980, indicating that the weakness of the mark has not helped exports. Significantly, exports of capital equipment which have traditionally spearheaded West Germany's sales drive are running into difficulties.

In addition, German auto manufacturers exported 43,700 fewer cars in January compared with a year ago, while Japanese auto firms sold a record 531,500 cars in West Germany last year — a third more than a year earlier.

Nigeria to pay BP \$131million for takeover

LAGOS, March 1 (AFP) — British Petroleum will receive 71 million naira (\$131 million) worth of Nigerian crude oil as compensation for its assets that were nationalized 19 months ago, the News Agency of Nigeria reported.

An agreement to that effect was signed by BP and the Nigerian government.

The managing director of Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation, Odoliji Lolomari, told journalists that the oil would be given to BP at current prices, the news agency said.

Senior BP officials would not say whether a deal on future participation by the company in Nigeria's oil industry was reached during the visit to Lagos of British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington earlier in February.

Dacca to seek more IDB aid

DACCÁ, March 1 (R) — Bangladesh is to ask the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) to give more aid to the least developed Islamic countries on liberal terms, Finance Minister Muhammad Saifur Rahman has said.

He was talking to reporters before leaving Saturday for the Sudanese capital of Khartoum to attend the annual meeting of the IDB beginning Monday.

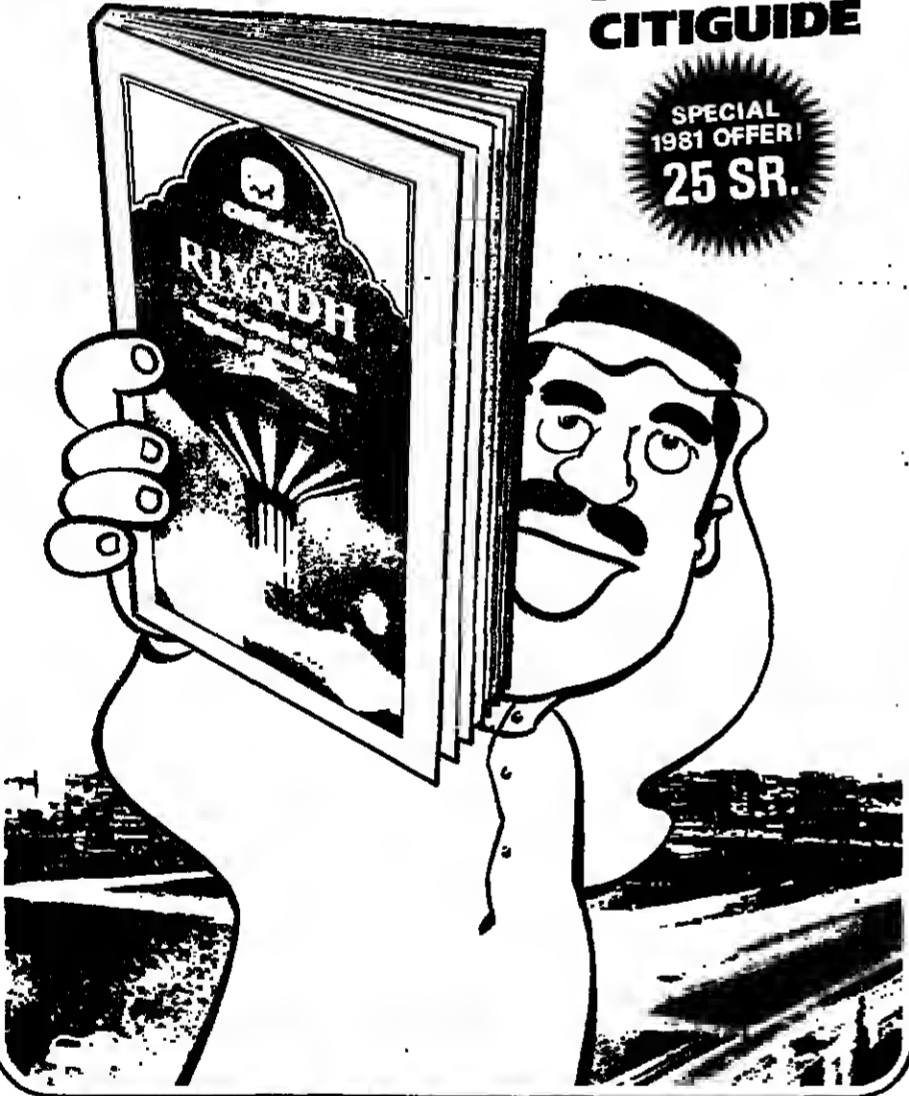
Rahman said he would press for a relaxation of the conditions the IDB attaches to aid for the poorest developing nations.

Bangladesh would ask for more commodity and project aid, the minister said. The IDB has been aiding Bangladesh to import crude oil, edible oil and cement, but Dacca wants the assistance to cover other imports too.

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To bridge budget gap

China to cut spending by \$9.9b

PEKING, March 1 (AP) — China plans to slash its spending by 14.8 billion yuan (\$9.9 billion) this year to eliminate a budget deficit while trying to improve living standards, its chief economic planner reports.

Vice-premier Yao Yilin told legislators the cuts would include a 45 per cent reduction in capital construction spending, and would also affect defense, administration and subsidies to unprofitable enterprises.

The government will seek to ensure stable prices, produce more consumer goods, build more housing and give raises to workers such as teachers and scientists who do not receive bonuses now paid to factory workers to encourage production, he said.

Parts of Yao's report to the standing committee of the National People's Congress, delivered Wednesday, were distributed

Saturday by the official Xinhua News Agency.

Yao said China would issue 4 billion to 5 billion yuan (\$2.7 billion) to \$3.3 billion in treasury bonds to partly make up for the 1980 deficit. Most are to be sold to businesses, local governments and prosperous communes, but individuals, may buy the bonds if they wish, he added.

Yao said both revenues of 107.4 billion yuan (\$71.6 billion) and spending of 112.4 billion yuan (\$74.9 billion) in the original 1981 budget have been reduced to balance at 97.6 billion yuan (\$65.1 billion), a cut in planned spending of 13 per cent.

China ran a deficit of 17 billion yuan (\$11.3 billion) in 1979 with spending of 127.4 billion yuan (\$84.9 billion), and planned for an 8 billion yuan (\$5.3 billion) deficit in 1980 with spending of 114.3 billion yuan (\$76.2 billion).

There have been reports that the actual 1980 deficit was bigger than that. Yao said the capital construction budget in 1981 would be chopped from 55 billion yuan (\$36.7 billion) to 30 billion yuan (\$20 billion).

He said it would concentrate on projects that meet urgent production needs or can be put into operation quickly, on housing and on urban public utilities.

The report did not say how big the spending cut for defense would be. The oil production target has been lowered from 106 million to 100 million tons, he said. China reported production of 105.8 million tons in 1980, down slightly from 1979.

Yao said the target for coal produced under the plan is being lowered from 359 million to 338 million tons. Last year, China reported total coal production of 600 million tons, down 5.5 per cent from the previous year.

Yao said the Central government actually would have a deficit of eight billion yuan, but that local governments with surpluses would be required to lend it that amount, maintaining a balance for the country as a whole.

While equipment imports would be reduced and certain projects undertaken in cooperation with foreign countries readjusted, the scope of trade and economic cooperation will grow as China's economic readjustment progresses, Yao said.

Despite cuts in certain areas, he added, China sought the greatest possible development in energy and electricity, transport, science, education, public health, culture and service industries, as well as agriculture, light industry and production of consumer goods.

He said various steps would be taken to find work for urban people now awaiting jobs. China's current unemployment is estimated at 20 million.

Reporting on 1980 results, Yao said the total grain output of about 316 million tons was second only to the record 1979 harvest of 332 million tons, while cotton production reached a record 2.6 million tons, up 20 per cent from 1979.

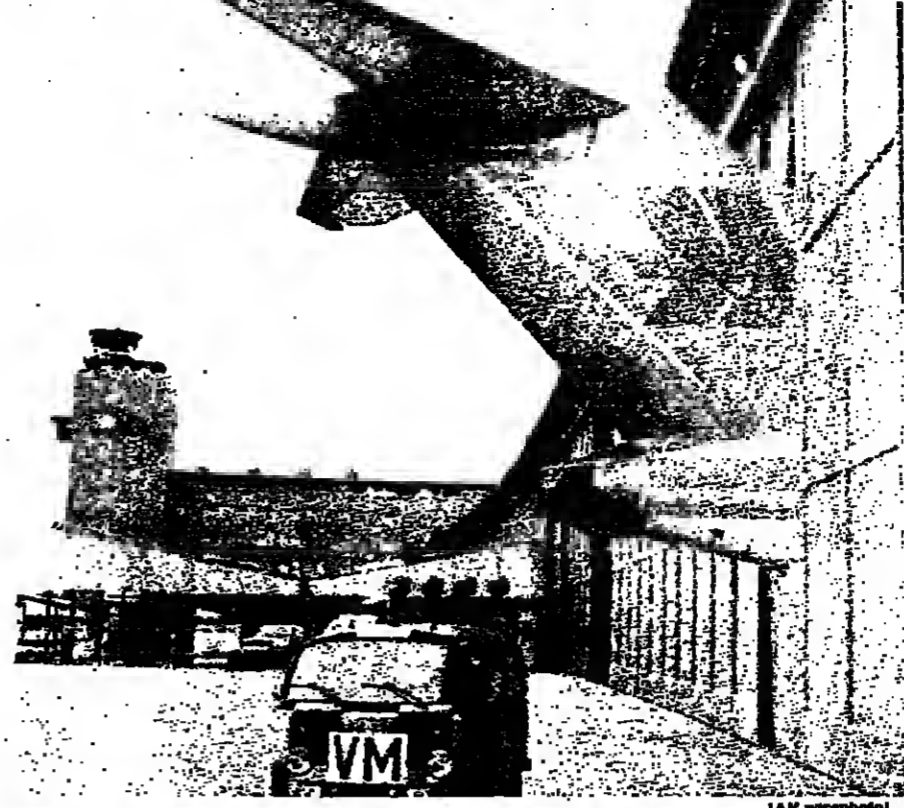
China has reported that droughts in the north and floods in the south hurt 1980 farm production.

Yao said light industrial output last year climbed 17.4 per cent, instead of the planned eight per cent, and total industrial output value climbed 8.4 per cent, exceeding the planned six per cent.

Yao said China can attain at least eight per cent growth in light industry this year. He said the target for steel production would be lowered from 35 million to 33 million tons to spare fuel, energy and transport capacity for light industry.

China's foreign trade deficit dropped to \$570 million from \$1.87 billion in 1979, Yao reported. Total urban and rural purchasing power grew by more than 30 billion yuan (\$20 billion), he said.

Yao said the readjustment policy will allow China to break away from its long-standing malady of trying to obtain results too quickly, regardless of actual economic conditions. Various economic reforms, such as giving more than 6,000 enterprises greater power to make their own decisions, would continue, he said.



TAIL STICKS OUT: A smaller plane or a larger hanger is what a commercial carrier would need at Munich airport. The roof of the maintenance shed lacks 36 centimeters to accommodate the Boeing 727. Technicians inserted a plastic sheet into the sliding doors and cut a hole into the plastic. Now the cabin stays inside for repairs, while the tail sticks out.

Europe blames high interest for recession

PARIS, March 1 (AFP) — The managers of the Western European economies now appear to be coming round to the view that the current high interest rates, mainly in the United States, constitute a factor for prolonged economic recession.

West Germany's Chancellor Helmut Schmidt bluntly described the present high interest rate levels "in the United States and in other countries" as "destructive and absolutely unacceptable in the longer term," unless governments "drop full employment as a policy target". Schmidt made this comment in an interview with French daily last week, as French Economics Minister Rene Monory called the U.S. rates "handicap" for Western economies.

Monory was expected to make "informal" representations to U.S. leaders on this subject in Washington shortly, with the tacit backing of finance ministers of the 10-nation European Economic Community, who discussed the problem in Brussels recently.

The issue has in fact been raised repeatedly by America's partners at meetings of senior officials in the Organization for economic cooperation and development (OECD) in recent months.

All OECD governments agree that the United States has to give priority to fighting inflation. But they would like the Americans to find other means of doing so than monetary restraint alone, which automatically pushes up U.S. interest rates.

India faces \$1.9b deficit budget

NEW DELHI, March 1 (AP) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government Saturday unveiled a 12-month deficit budget that increased tax exemptions for lower income citizens.

The additional budget for April through March, 1982, totaled Rs. 248.7 billion (\$31.09 billion) and included a deficit of Rs. 15.4 billion (\$1.9 billion).

The spending program, nine per cent over 1980-81, was presented in the traditional budget message to parliament by Venkataraman, minister of finance.

Military spending of Rs. 37.9 billion (\$4.74 billion) accounted for about 16 per cent of the total and was up .3 per cent over 1980-81.

While announcing plans to levy Rs. 2.7 billion (Rs. 334 million) worth of new excise and customs taxes, the finance minister proposed to exempt an additional 1.4 million citizens from income tax.

This would be done by raising the minimum taxable annual income from \$1,500 to \$1,875. Most Indians fall below the minimum and only two per cent of government revenues comes from income tax.

Telephone calls would cost more — the current 0.30 (Rs. 3.75 cents) per local call would rise to 0.40 rupees (5 cents). So would imports of numerous technical items like computers with increased customs duties.

"The economic situation continues to be difficult, but also shows great improvement

over the desperate conditions prevailing a year ago," Venkataraman said.

He announced a marginal increase in interest rates on bank deposits, a five-year "tax holiday" for export-oriented industrial units set up in various free trade zones and more concessions for small manufacturers.

Venkataraman said he hoped for "higher production and increased utilization of capacity" as a result of his proposals.

The government also proposed to spend more on India's search for oil and its food production program.

About Rs. 10.1 billion (\$1.26 billion) have been allotted to the petroleum sector, compared to Rs. 7.8 billion (\$975 million) last year.

India is expected to produce a record food-grain harvest of 132 million metric tons in 1980-81, Venkataraman said, outlining plans to increase investment in the agricultural sector to Rs. 10.4 billion (\$1.3 billion). The comparative figure for last year was Rs. 9.2 billion (\$1.5 billion) on food production.

He also announced a \$188 million allocation for family planning. "All our efforts at eradicating poverty will be frustrated if we cannot reduce the rate of population growth," he said.

Also proposed was Rs. 900 million (\$11.3 million) for India's atomic energy program and another Rs. 460 million (\$57.5 million) on space research.

Japan's car makers may limit their exports to U.S.

TOKYO, March 1 (AFP) — Seven Japanese auto manufacturers are considering holding their exports to the United States this year at a total of 1,800,000 units — the same as in 1980, the economic daily Nihon Keizai has reported.

The paper said that the makers, including Toyota and Nissan, would individually impose voluntary restraints and their expected 1981 export figure would be conveyed to the U.S. through the Japanese government.

The step was being taken to help solve the major trade dispute between Japan and the United States over the success of the Japanese sales drive, the paper added.

Planned exports to the U.S. would be based on purely economic cars including prospects for passenger car demand in the U.S., the yen's movement against the U.S. dollar, and the sales strategy of U.S. car makers, such as General Motors and Ford, the paper said.

In another development, the International Business Machines Corporation (IBM), the world's largest computer maker, has proposed a tie up with the Matsushita Electric Industrial Company of Japan in the small computer sector, industrial sources here have reported.

Under the plan, IBM would buy computers produced by Matsushita, Japan's premier home electrical appliance manufacturer and Matsushita Communication Industrial Co. The computers, priced at less than 10 million yen (\$480,000) would be sold under the IBM brand throughout the world.

The sources said Matsushita is showing interest in the IBM proposal and plans to send its public relations director Yoshio Asada to the United States in March for talks with IBM.

The sources believed that the products most likely to be considered for supply to IBM are the small business computer (SBC) series made by the Matsushita Electric Industrial.

A spokesman for Matsushita Electric Company in Osaka confirmed the report, saying his company was now studying the proposal, but added that it had not yet decided to send its officials to the U.S. to begin negotiations.

Portugal faces water shortage despite rain

LISBON, March 1 (R) — Heavy rain in Portugal during the past few days has broken four months of severe drought, but sunshine returned to most of the country together with government warnings that the water outlook is still grim.

The drought, during what are usually the wettest months of the year, has badly affected agriculture and cut hydro-electric generating capacity by two-thirds.

Trade Minister Alexandre Vaz Pinto said this week that Portugal had only a one-in-five chance of getting even 30 per cent of normal rainfall in the coming three months.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Table with columns for currency, SAMA rate, Cash rate, and Transfer rate. Lists various international currencies and their exchange rates as of 5:00 P.M. Saturday.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Table listing government tenders with columns for Authority, Description, No. of Tender, Price SR, and Closing Date. Includes tenders for maintenance of lights, supply of equipment, and illumination projects.

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Table showing ship arrivals and departures with columns for Berth, Name of Vessel, Agent, Type of Cargo, and Arrival/Departure Date. Lists vessels like Glacier Verde, Tabuk, Alaska II, etc.

RECENT ARRIVALS: Lists arrivals for Large Bay, Al Rumathiah, Kota Molek, etc.

KING ABDUL AZIZ PORT DAMMAM SHIP MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS OF 24.4.1401/1.3.1981 CHANGES OF PAST 24 HOURS

Table showing ship movements at King Abdul Aziz Port Dammam with columns for ship name, agent, cargo, and arrival/departure times. Lists ships like Mount Olympus, Sea Triumph, etc.

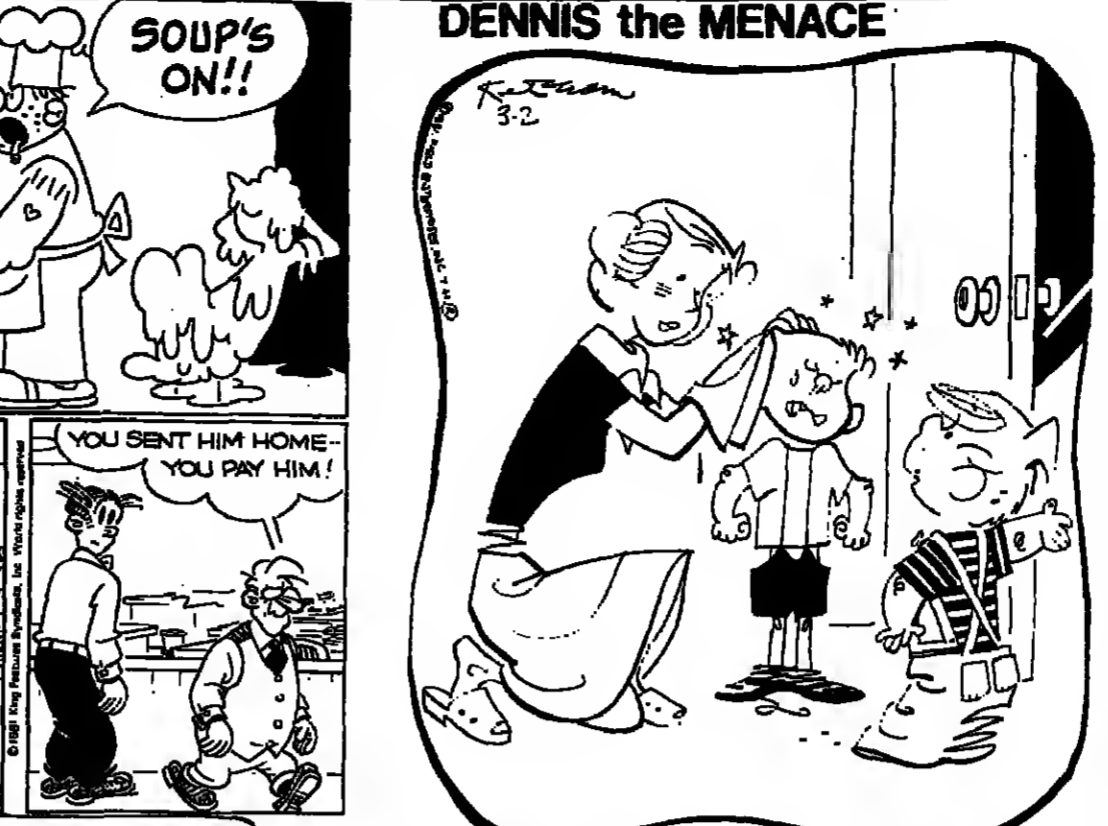
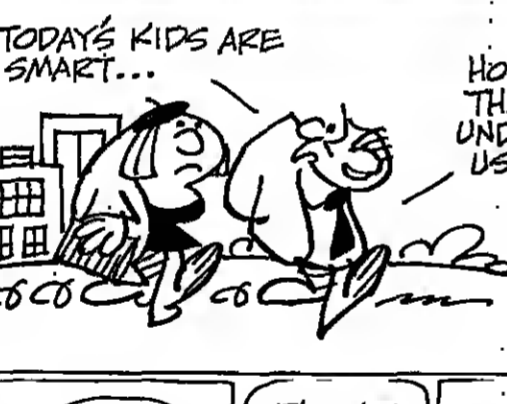
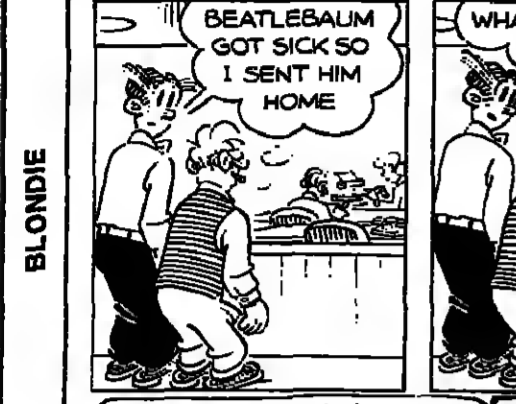
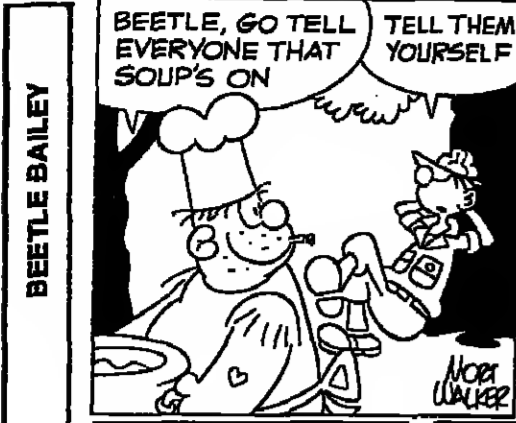
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Contract Bridge
B. Jay Becker
Famous Hand

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST
♠ K Q 6 3		♠ 9 8 7 5 4
♥ 8 6 3		♥ 7
♦ J 7 8		♦ A 10 3 2
♣ J 6 4		♣ K 7 5

WEST
♠ J 4
♥ 9 4
♦ 9 8 5
♣ A Q 10 9 8 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A 10 2
♥ A K Q J 10 5 2
♦ K Q 4
♣ —

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 2 0 Pass 2 ♥
Pass 3 ♥ Pass 3 ♠
Pass 4 ♠ Pass 3 ♣

Opening lead — five of clubs.

From then on the bidding was natural — but ineffective. From South's standpoint, his partner's three spade bid might have been based on some such hand as:

♠ J98754	♥ 7	♦ 0952	♣ J64
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So South bid only four hearts, allowing for this possibility, and North, though aware he had greater values than his previous bids had shown, elected to play safe and pass. There was nothing to the play and North easily made six.

At the second table, with Jacoby and Wolff North-South for the U.S., the bidding went in this sprightly fashion:

East	South	West	North
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	5 ♣	Pass	6 ♥

Artificial bids can be very valuable when the right hand comes along, but, as with many glorified pnaeces, they are not always an undiluted success. Consider this deal from the U.S.-France match in 1971 which dramatizes the effect that enemy intervention or non-intervention may have on the accuracy of an auction.

At the first table, with Stoppa and Roudinesco North-South for France, the bidding went as shown. Two diamonds was an artificial game-forcing bid, and two hearts was an artificial response denying an ace.



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8:30 Religious Program
8:45 Old Masters (Music)
9:15 Historical News
9:45 One Post
10:00 News
10:10 Literary Magazine
10:45 Quizzes/Rails
11:00 News
11:05 News
11:30 Pakistan's Progress Path

Your Individual Horoscope
Frances Drake
FOR MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth Sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Friends and advisers are helpful in business. Despite some difficulties, you'll make career progress. Join friends in the evening.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Business trips are favored. Consult with higher-ups about time off for travel. The evening brings an unexpected monetary benefit.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Get professional advice about a love difficulty. Children may be self-willed. Good news from a distance lights up your evening.

CANCER (June 21 to July 21) Ride with the ups-and-downs in a relationship. You'll end up closer to each other. Evening hours may bring a new work opportunity.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 22) Revised thinking will bring a work project to a successful conclusion. An unexpected invitation makes the evening enjoyable.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Despite worry about costs, you should have a good time.

Crossword
by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 42 Equal
1 Bartok
5 Caligula's 1 Shoulder
10 German song 2 Down from
11 Knee slapper a duck
12 Italian 3 Shelf
13 Sagacious 4 Jewish
14 Humiliate 5 Poor risk
16 Tape color 6 Holder of an L.L.B.
17 Before 7 Bermuda's 20 Sid lift
18 Cocktail major 22 Punished
20 Wee bird 23 Industry by fine
21 S. Afr. fox 24 Dutch island 23 Setback
22 Dutch island 9 Less affluent 24 Futile
25 Venezuela 11 Assailed 25 Current
26 Arizona 15 Bowfin 27 German city holiday

Saturday's Answer

19 Australian marsupial	29 Binding substance
20 Sid lift	30 Accumulate
21 Punished by fine	31 Unchallenged
22 Dutch island	32 Measuring apparatus
23 Setback	33 Stride
24 Futile	34 Vietnamese holiday

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L B A A X R
is L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES
A B I Q Z F N P P Q O U X B J P A
A S J Q Z G U F N M L U Z B M O N C U
Y B J T B Q Q U I Q B F P U N I
Z B M J T P N L L U L — N I B I Z.

Saturday's Cryptogram: LET US NEVER NEGOTIATE OUT OF FEAR. BUT LET US NEVER FEAR TO NEGOTIATE.—JOHN F. KENNEDY

Arab News Calendar

DHAHRAN TV PROGRAMS (ARABIC) 4:30 Children's Show 5:20 Wildlife Camera 5:55 Hearst To Health 6:49 Family Hour Festival 7:12 Happy Days 7:30 Old Country Shop 8:02 Between The Wars 8:26 Channel 4 Feature	BAHRAIN T.V. Programs MONDAY: 6:00 Quran; 6:25 Today's Program; 6:30 Children's Program; 6:00 Wonders of the Sea; 7:00 Daily Arabic Series; 8:00 Arabic News; 8:30 Musical Show; 9:30 English News; 9:55 Tomorrow's Program; 10:00 Weekly Sessions; 10:50 Arabic; 12:00 News.	DUBAI Channel 10 Programs MONDAY: 5:00 Quran; 5:15 Religious Talk; 5:30 Cartoons; 6:00 Seventh Sense; 6:30 A—2; 7:30 Religious Series; 8:00 Local News; 8:10 Soccer of the Sea; 9:00 Arabic Drama; 10:00 World News Soap; 10:50 Indian Film.	DUBAI Channel 33 Programs MONDAY: 6:00 Quran; 6:15 To Rome With Love; 6:30 Ghosts of Motley Hall; 7:00 Mireux Walby; 8:00 Islamic Horrors; 8:05 Local News; 9:10 Police; 9:20 Dishes of Doha Street; 10:00 World News; 10:40 Mary Taylor Moore Show; 11:25 Feature Film.	KUWAIT Channel 2 Programs MONDAY: 7:05 Cartoons; 7:35 Temperatures Rising; 8:00 News in English; 8:15 Roving Report; 8:30 One-Club.	OMAN T.V. Programs MONDAY: 5:02 Quran; 5:08 Today's Program; 5:10 Students' Program; 6:15 Cartoons; 6:30 Adult Education; 6:50 English Comedy; 7:30 Army/Police Program; 7:40 Songs; 7:50 Arabic Film; 8:30 Arabic News; 9:00 Religious Program; 9:30 Local Arabic News; 9:50 Soap/Sketches; 10:00 English News; 10:30 Variety Program; 11:50 News 11:55 Quran.
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MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1981

France said halting 10 missile boats to Libya

CHERBOURG, France, March 1 (R) — France has decided to block delivery to Libya of 10 missile-carrying patrol boats ordered by Tripoli four years ago, informed sources here said. The decision was taken Saturday in retaliation for Libya's role in the recent Chad civil war and the announcement last month that Chad, a former French colony, was to be merged with Libya, the sources said.

Somalia rules out return of Soviets

KUWAIT, March 1 (AFP) — President Muhammad Siad Barre of Somalia said Sunday the Soviet Union will never be allowed back into his country as long as he has anything to say about it, though it is working hard to get a new foothold there. In an interview published by the Kuwaiti newspaper *Al Wasat*, he added that the United States and other Western nations were not "effectively helping Somalia to face the dangers that threaten it. As an example of the dangers, he mentioned the mobilization of Ethiopian forces on the country's borders." Somalia and Ethiopia are in conflict over the Ogaden region.

Egypt favors U.N. participation

CAIRO, March 1 (AFP) — Representatives of Egypt and the United States said they do not foresee any major difficulties in the setting up of a multi-nation peacekeeping force in the Sinai peninsula, which Israel is to evacuate by 1982. Ossama El Baz, Egyptian undersecretary of state for foreign affairs, and the U.S. envoy Michael Sterner said technical problems remain concerning the force, but that they are expected to be resolved without major difficulties. The two officials made the comments following a three-hour talk on the subject. Sterner is in Tel Aviv and Cairo for what he termed exploratory discussions on the Middle East. It is the first direct contact that the administration of President Ronald Reagan.

Infant deaths increase in N. Yemen

LONDON Bureau — A massive influx of powdered milk to the Yemen Arab Republic is a major cause of an epidemic of infant malnutrition, sickness and death, according to a report published by two British development agencies. Author James Firebrace comments: "The effect of the active promotion of milk powder over the past four years has been disastrous. Infant malnutrition and mortality were amongst the highest in the world and the spread of bottle feeding has made prospects for an early improvement look slender." Infant mortality is so common in Yemen that over one quarter of babies born die in their first year. Researchers believe the main cause of death is protein-calorie malnutrition as a result of over-diluted milk used for bottle feeding in unsterile conditions. The report, published Friday "Infant Feeding in the Yemen Arab Republic" is published jointly by War on Want and the Catholic Institute for International Relations after several years of research. It comes out heavy criticism of the over 60 different companies marketing milk in the Yemen. Although powdered milk itself does not harm young children, it is never as beneficial as breast milk and its use for bottle feeding does lead to serious hazards.

Five of the 10 "Combattante-2" class patrol boats ordered in 1977 have already been launched at the Cherbourg shipyards, and the others are under construction. The Combattante-2, equipped with 76-mm cannon and four Otomat missiles, is rated by experts as perhaps the fastest patrol boat currently in service. Libya's 1977 order, worth some \$600 million includes building of the 10 vessels, training of crew members in France and setting up a maintenance center near Tripoli. It is not the first time the Cherbourg Yard has run into difficulties with its foreign clients. Five gunboats built for the Israeli Navy but immobilized in Cherbourg by a French arms embargo were taken out of the port under cover of darkness on Christmas eve 1969 and eventually reached Israel. More recently, three Combattante-2 patrol boats, ordered by the late Shah of Iran but blocked here because of French financial claims on the new Iranian Islamic government, were hauled out to dry land in this Normandy port to prevent an unauthorized departure. France in the meanwhile, stepped up security for three of the gunboats, sources in Lorient port city said. Libyans have also been barred from the 70-ton vessels, the sources said. About 100 Libyan sailors were training to use and maintain the ships.

has made with Egyptian officials. Baz said the talks did not include discussion of countries likely to contribute troops to the force, but that Egypt would welcome participation of the United Nations. The setting up of a Sinai force is called for by the Middle East peace treaty signed by the United States, and Israel. But the Soviet Union has vetoed the stationing of U.N. troops in the Sinai. Baz said that while the U.N. role in the formation of the peace force was not clear, "we definitely still see a role for the U.N. in the entire arrangement in general. We always welcome a U.N. presence." "The responsibility for the formation of the force rests with the United States," the Egyptian undersecretary said, "and the parties have to negotiate with the U.S. about that."

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ISLAMABAD, March 1 (Agencies) —

The first sign of a split appeared in Pakistan's newly-formed movement for restoration of democracy when a key leader said Saturday his party was not committed to opposing the government of Zia ul-Haq. Maulana Fazlur Rahman, leader of the right-wing Islamic Party Jamiat Ulema Islam (JUI), told reporters in Lahore that he acted as an individual earlier this month when he joined the alliance of nine political parties. He said his party was not bound by the movement's call for martial law to be lifted and the holding of parliamentary elections within three months. Rahman made his statement after police Friday night arrested 12 persons for displaying anti-government slogans outside the house of executed Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in Karachi. Zia government officials argued that political disturbances would play into the hands of foreign powers, particularly the Soviet Union, with its estimated 85,000 troops in neighboring Afghanistan. In Karachi, Bhutto's daughter Miss Benazir Bhutto, protested Saturday to the authorities of Sind province against the presence of "unusually large numbers of police around the family's Karachi residence." She also claimed police searched the cars and persons of students, including the office-bearers of the Sind People's Students Federation, who visited her and her mother. Meanwhile, Nusrat Bhutto arrested recently, was receiving hospital treatment in Karachi, family sources said. She was suffering from acute low blood pressure, the sources added. In another development, Pakistani opposition parties Saturday called for a general strike Monday, saying that citizens not joining the work stoppage would be considered "the enemies of democracy and the people." The nine-party opposition coalition, the movement for the restoration of democracy, also promised to compensate striking workers once a civilian government was brought to power.



PLANNING: Afghan freedom fighters discussing plans to defend the village of Kochai in the Parwan Valley, 180 kms from Kabul, from the Soviet occupation forces. The picture was recently taken by a freelance photographer.

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